

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the present application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-5 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Konno et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,914,516). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Konno in view of Yoshizawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,414,586). Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Konno in view of Mueller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,140,914). Finally, claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Konno in view of Espinosa (U.S. Patent No. 5,448,218).

§ 102(e) Rejection (Konno) – Claim 1

Claim 1 is rejected over Konno for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the present Office Action. Applicant traverses this rejection at least based on the following reasons.

Specifically, Applicant submits that Konno does not disclose or suggest at least, “an operation-equipment limiting part disposed at a vehicle for limiting the operation of operation equipment for said vehicle through external operation,” as recited in amended claim 1. That is, the Examiner alleges that the portable transmitter corresponds to the claimed operation-equipment limiting part, however the transmitter is NOT disposed at the vehicle. At least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that Konno does not anticipate claim 1.

Applicant amends allowable claim 2, as indicated herein, to place it in independent form so that claims 2-5 would not be affected by our proposed amendment to claim 1.

§ 103(a) Rejection (Konno / Yoshizawa) – Claim 6

Applicant submits that dependent claim 6 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 1. Yoshizawa does not make up for the deficiencies of Konno.

§ 103(a) Rejection (Konno / Mueller) – Claim 7

Applicant submits that dependent claim 7 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 1. Mueller does not make up for the deficiencies of Konno.

§ 103(a) Rejections (Konno / Espinoza) – Claims 8-10

Applicant submits that dependent claims 8-10 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claim 1. Espinoza does not make up for the deficiencies of Konno.

Finally, Applicant adds new claim 11 to provide a varying scope of coverage. Applicant submits that this new claim is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 1.

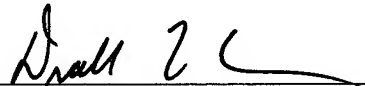
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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